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SENTATION STATEMENTS

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AMBASSADOR TOON HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL AND
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS STATEMENTS:

1. ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE AND HONORED THAT SO MANY ARE ON
HAND TO WELCOME ME ON MY ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL. I KNOW THAT
FOR MANY OF YOU AN ARRIVAL OF AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL IS NOT
EXACTLY A UNIQUE EVENT.

FOR ME, HOWEVER, THIS ARRIVAL IS UNIQUE. IT IS MY FIRST
TIME IN ISRAEL. BUT ISRAEL IS BY NO MEANS A STRANGER TO
ME. ISRAEL HAS HAD THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE
UNITED STATES FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, AS WE HAVE
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HAD YOURS. THESE TIES BETWEEN US ARE WORTHY OF SPECIAL

EFFORTS TO PRESERVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO LIVING IN THIS REMARKABLE COUNTRY, GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITIZENS FIRSTHAND, AND ABOVE ALL, LEARNING HOW ISRAEL FEELS AND WHAT IT

BELIEVES ABOUT THE MANY ISSUES WHICH ARE OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MY TASKS ARE THOSE WHICH WILL BE FAMILIAR TO ALL WHO HAVE REPRESENTED THEIR COUNTRY ABROAD. IT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN ISRAEL--TO ARTICULATE, HONESTLY AND FORTHRIGHTLY, AMERICAN POSITIONS AND INTERESTS IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND TO CONVEY ACCURATELY ISRAELI PERCEPTIONS AND MY UNDERSTANDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I CONSIDER MYSELF PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING IN ISRAEL TOWARDS PEACE AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF THAT FRIENDSHIP.

2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS STATEMENT:

MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTER ACCREDITING ME AS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO CONVEY TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THE SINCERE GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

YOUR NATION AND MINE -- MR. PRESIDENT -- HAVE ENJOYED A RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING FROM THE VERY INCEPTION OF MODERN ISRAEL. BUT IN A LARGER SENSE THIS FRIENDSHIP IS BASED NOT ONLY ON THE NEW BUT ON THE ANCIENT -- THE ETHICAL HERITAGE WE SHARE WHICH HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE EARLIEST HISTORY OF YOUR PEOPLE.

THE POLICIES OF MY NATION, AS OF YOURS, ARE FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN COMPASSION, HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREEDOM. MY TASK HERE WILL IN NO SMALL MEASURE BE CONCERNED WITH SEEKING A COOPERATIVE DEDICATION TO THOSE VALUES SO THAT ALL PEOPLES MAY ENJOY WHAT WE ENSHRINE.

IT IS WITH A SENSE OF HUMILITY THAT I TAKE UP MY DUTIES HERE. THE TIMES ARE GRAVE AND THE TASKS OUR NATIONS MUST FACE ARE DIFFICULT. AS BEFITS RELATIONS BETWEEN MATURE PEOPLES, WE DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON EVERY

ISSUE. BUT WE ARE TOGETHER ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE --
THE NEED FOR PEACE IN THIS AREA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
YOUR PEOPLE AND MY PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE THIS
GOAL. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN -- AS THE UNITED STATES
AMBASSADOR -- TO BRING THIS

ABOUT, AND I AM SURE THAT IN THIS ENDEAVOR I WILL HAVE
THE FULL COOPERATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. INGERSOLL

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